

# Living things and their habitats

Key words	Meaning
life processes	these are living things that moves, breathes, has senses, makes babies, gets rid of waste and gets their energy from food
living	things that have all the living have all the life processes
dead	these are things that were once living they had all the life processes, but now don't
never alive	things made out of metal, plastic or rock were never living they never had any of the life processes
habitat	a natural place where something lives. It provides things needed for something to survive like food, shelter and water
micro-habitat	a smaller part of a larger habitat minibeasts can live in microhabitats
environment	the surroundings or conditions in which a person, animal, or plant lives



ocean - wet habitat



desert - dry habitat



rainforest - humid habitat

## Important facts

- Every living thing lives in a habitat. That could be a jungle, ocean, desert and it lives where it is best suited.
- Habitats in local places can include trees, soil and ponds.
- Within larger environments there will be smaller habitats called micro habitats. For example, within a wood (the habitat) there will be smaller habitats in the trees, under logs and in the soil.
- Animals can be grouped by how they move, what they eat and where they live.
- A food chain shows how each animal gets its food.
- Different animals can live in the same habitat. For example in your garden you might find lots of mini beasts.
- This could include spiders, woodlice, slugs, snails, worms, insects and centipedes.

Food chain – Animals get their foods from plants and other animals. A food chain shows how the energy from food is passed along. Only green plants make their own food, so every food chain starts with a green plant.

Plant – This is called the **producer**. It is where the food chain begins. Each arrow show the 'food' or 'energy' for the next part of the food chain.



Insect – This is the **consumer**. This means it eats the next part down in the food chain.



Mouse – This is also a **consumer** because it eats insects and can also be known as an omnivore. This is because it eats plants and animals. It is an owl's prey



Owl – This is a **consumer** as well because it eats mice. It is also known as a **carnivore** because it eats meat and is also called a **predator**.

